

**SEC. 262. REPORT RELATING TO SMALL BUSINESS
INNOVATION
RESEARCH PROGRAM.**

Not later than March 30, 1997, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress and to the Secretary of Defense a report setting forth the following with respect to the Small Business Innovation Research Program (as defined by section 2491(11) of title 10, United States Code):

(1) An assessment of whether there has been a demonstrable reduction in the quality of research performed under funding agreements awarded by the Department of Defense under the program since fiscal year 1995.

(2) An assessment of the degree to which competitive procedures are being followed throughout the military departments and defense agencies in awarding funding agreements under the program.

(3) An assessment of the degree to which technologies developed through the program are or are likely to be used in military projects and programs.

SEC. 263. AMENDMENT TO UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVE SUPPORT PROGRAM.

Section 802(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994 (Public Law 103-160: 107 Stat. 1701: 10 U.S.C. 2358 note) is amended by striking out "fiscal years before the fiscal year in which the institution submits a proposal" and inserting in lieu thereof "most recent fiscal years for which complete statistics are available when proposals are requested".

SEC. 264. AMENDMENTS TO DEFENSE EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM TO STIMULATE COMPETITIVE RESEARCH.

Section 257(d) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995 (Public Law 103-337: 108 Stat. 2705: 10 U.S.C. 2358 note) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—
(3) by striking out "Director of the National Science Foundation" and inserting in lieu thereof "Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology"; and

(4) by striking out "and shall notify the Director of Defense Research and Engineering of the States so designated"; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—
(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking out "Director of the National Science Foundation" and inserting in lieu thereof "Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology"; and

(ii) by striking out "as determined by the Director" and inserting in lieu thereof "as determined by the

Under Secretary":

- (5) in subparagraph (A). by striking out "(to be determined in consultation with the Secretary of Defense);" and inserting in lieu thereof "f"; and";
- (6) by striking out "f; and" at the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting in lieu thereof a period: and
- (7) by striking out subparagraph (C).